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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION

KUWAIT PASS MUSCAT

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1. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE REFTEL AND INDICATION THAT AM-BASSADOR WILL AGAIN SEE PRINCE SULTAN ON THE KHMER ISSUE. WITHOUT GOING INTO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN TRANSMITTED TO YOU, WE CANNOT OVERSTRESS CRUCIAL NATURE OF SAUDI SUPPORT IN THE UNGA AND WITH THE GULF STATES. LATEST VOTE PROJECTION SHOWS GKR BEHIND BY 9 VOTES WITH SOME 19 ABSTENTIONS EXPECTED.

2. RETENTION OF THE KHMER SEAT, WHILE NOT SINE QUA NON TO COMMENCING NEGOTIATIONS, WILL, ALONG WITH THE FACT THAT
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INSURGENTS ARE FACED WITH SEVERE SUPPLY AND MANPOWER PROB-

LEMS, HAVE IMPORTANT IMPACT ON PROSPECTS FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. IT CERTAINLY CAN BE SAID THAT VICTORY FOR GRUNK IN THE UN WILL HARDEN KHMER COMMUNISTS' RESOLVE TO THE EXTENT THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE THAT MUCH HARDER TO COMMENCE, THEREBY LENGTHENING THE WAR.

3. BELIEVE AMBASSADOR CAN INDICATE TO PRINCE SULTAN THAT WHILE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SAG AND GKR WOULD

BE DESIRABLE EVENTUALLY, WE BELIEVE ESSENTIAL ITEM IS ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE KHMER CAUSE IN NEW YORK AND ENCOURAGING GULF STATES TO DO THE SAME.

4. IN THE LATTER REGARD, IT APPEARS KUWAITIS ARE DETERMINED TO VOTE FOR GRUNK. WHILE WE WOULD NOT PRESUME TO ASK THEM TO RENEGE, ABSTENTION OR ABSENCE AT THE TIME OF THE VOTE WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. KISSINGER

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